Infiltrators from Bangladesh in the country

1764. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated number of infiltrators from Bangladesh who are living in the country at present;

(b) what action is being taken by Government for their repatriation and by when these are likely to be repatriated;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of them have managed to get ration card also; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) It is difficult to estimate the number of infiltrators from Bangladesh as they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic and lingual similarities. There are standing instructions to the State Governments including Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport such migrants back to Bangladesh. Various measures including intensificaion of patrolling by the BSF, strengthening of its water wing, accelerated programme of construction of Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MTF) Schemes, issue of identify cards to people residing in border areas, etc. have also been taken/are being taken to check the infiltration of such migrants.

(c) and (d) Ration cards are issued by the State Governments to facilitate distribution of essential supplies to eligible persons. The possibility of illegal migrants obtaining the ration cards by suppressing their antecedents cannot be ruled out. This issue among others was discussed in a conference with the Chief Ministers of the affected states (U.T. of Delhi was also represented) in September, 1992. It was generally agreed to take steps to ensure that the illegal migrants are not issued ration cards.

Afgan Infiltrators in India

1765. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated number of Afghan infiltrators, immigrants and refugees in India at present and at the time of take over by the new regime in Afghanistan; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure their return to their home land during the current year so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) (i) As per information available, 25/30 Afghan nationals intruded into J&K during the last 7/8 months.

(ii) As per information available total Afghan Nationals presently registered/staying in India are approximately 18,139 as compared to approximately 15,680 at the time of take over by the new regime in Afghanistan.

(iii) Total number of refugees recognised by the Office of UNHCR upto February, 1993 are 17,555 and at the time of take over by the new regime in Afghanistan i.e., upto June, 1992 were 9,221.

(b) Government have taken up with the Government of Afghanistan the return of these people to Afghanistan. Substantive progress in this matter will depend on the overall security condition in Afghanistan stabilising.

Settlement of Kashmir Issue

1766. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government took the opportunity to use the good office of the British Home Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Clarke during his visit to India to settle the Kashmir problem bilaterally between India and Pakistan under the Shimla Agreement; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) During the visit of the British Home Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Clarke to India from 1—5 January, 1993, our concerns regarding Pak support to terrorism directed against India in the states of J&K and Punjab were reiterated. The stand of the UK on Kashmir is, *inter-alia*, that this issue is primarily for India and Pakistan to resolve bilaterally in terms of the Shimla Agreement. This position was reaffirmed by Mr. Clarke during his visit.

(b) Does not arise.

पार पत्र पुस्तिकाओं का मुद्रण

1767. **श्री ईशवत्त यादव** : क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पारपत्र पुस्तिकाओं का मुद्रण मांग की अपेक्षा कम हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) पारपत्र पुस्तिकाओं का मुद्रण इनकी मांग के अनुरूप सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) नासिक, स्थित भारत सुरक्षा प्रैस ने 1992 की अंतिम तिमाही में पुस्तिकाओं की आपूर्ति बढ़ा दी और 1993–94 में 40,00,000 पुस्तिकायें देने का वायदा किया है जिससे पासपोर्ट पुस्तिकाओं की प्रत्याशित आवश्यकता पूरी हो जानी चाहिए ।

खाड़ी के देशों में भारतीयों की दशा

1768. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाड़ी देशों में रहने वाले भारतीयों की दशा शोचनीय है और उनकी दशा में सुधार करने के उद्देश्य से भारत ने उन देशों की सरकारों से कोई बातचीत नहीं की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) अन्य देशों में बसे भारतीयों की दशा की जानकारी हेतु सरकार के पास क्या तन्त्र है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी नहीं, यह सत्य नहीं है कि खाड़ी देशों में भारतीय दयनीय स्थिति में रह रहे हैं ।

भारत सरकार समय-समय पर खाड़ी के देशों से सलाह मशविरा करती रहती है । इन विचार-विमर्शों में खाड़ी में रहने वाले भारतीयों की स्थिति सहित विभिन्न मसले शामिल होते हैं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) खाड़ी के देशों सहित विदेश स्थित भारतीय राजदूतावास भारतीयों की स्थिति के बारे में अनेक प्रकार से पता लगाते हैं जिसमें भारतीय समुदाय से तथा भारतीय एसोशिएशनों से जानकारी प्राप्त करना तथा स्थानीय सरकारों के साथ बातचीत करके भी उनके बारे में जानकारी हासिल करना शामिल है ।

Visit of Russian President

1769. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 209 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24-2-93 and state :

(a) whether the issues regarding Pak support to terrorism in India and foreign interference in India's internal matters were discussed with Russian President during his recent visit to New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what was the response of the visiting Head on these issues ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The issue of Pakistan's direct and indirect support to terrorism in